

NATO VETERANS ORGANIZATION OF CANADA

DRESS REGULATIONS POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

1. It is the policy of NVOC to standardize the "walking out" dress for the membership of the NATO Veterans Organization of Canada, to provide guidance and direction to NVOC members in their bearing and deportment and in representing NVOC in such a manner as to reflect credit on NVOC and to assist NVOC in creating a respectful image of a NATO veteran organization that stands-alone from other veterans organizations, associations or group affiliations.
2. NVOC is a distinct, unique and separate national veteran's organization and thus its membership should apply and comply with these dress regulations in order that they are not confused with other veterans.

FORMAL WALKING OUT APPROVED "PARADE DRESS"

HEAD DRESS

3. The approved NVOC head-dress is the "air force" dark blue beret (not the "UN" powder-blue beret) with the approved NVOC metal or cloth hat badge to be worn on the beret with the badge centered over the left eye.

SHIRT

4. White dress shirt (long or short sleeve) with stiffened or starched collar with no badge, pin or insignia worn on the collar.

TIE

5. The NVOC tie or any unit, ship, squadron, regimental, tie (other than that of another veteran's organization, association or group affiliation) may be worn.
6. Original founding NVOC members may continue to wear an ascot in lieu of a tie.

BLAZER

7. Navy blue, single or double-breasted with a large NVOC embroidered badge that is worn on the left breast pocket. Buttons may be from any former regimental, unit or service affiliation or CF.
8. Original founding NVOC members may continue to wear a black blazer with the approved large NVOC badge worn on the left breast pocket with tan slacks.

PANTS

- 9. Grey flannel pants.**

BELT

- 10. Plain black belt or unit, ship, squadron, regimental buckle on black belt.**

FOOTWEAR

- 11. Plain black dress shoes, black Wellingtons or parade boots (not bloused into pants) worn with black socks.**

Honours, Awards and Decorations

- 12. Only nationally issued honours, awards and decorations may be worn. CF and foreign-awarded hazardous skill insignia such as aircrew and parachute wings, ATO, EOD, Ships and Clearance Divers badges etc. are worn above honours, decorations and awards.**

Medals in either standard or miniature sizes, depending on the occasion: full size for parades and miniatures for dinner and they are worn over the left breast. Undress ribbons are never worn on blazers. Only nationally awarded lapel pins may be worn. Poppies, if worn, will be worn on the left breast lapel above medals.

- 14. Other honours, awards, decorations, service pins, buttons or other insignia awarded by other veterans organizations, associations or affiliated veterans groups are not authorized for wear by NVOC members on approved NVOC parade dress.**

SHIRT SLEEVE ORDER

- 15. This order of dress will consist of short sleeve white shirt (naval or commissionaires style) with the NVOC crest embroidered or NATO crest sewn over the right breast pocket ½ inch above the top of the pocket. Epaulets will be air force blue with NVOC embroidered on them in gold letters 3/8th inches in height at outside edge. The remainder of dress will be the same as Formal Waking Out or Parade Dress. Undress ribbons will be worn over the left breast pocket and CF and foreign nationally awarded hazardous skill insignia above the ribbons. NVOC nametags will be worn over the right breast pocket below the crest.**

The wearing of shirtsleeve order will be at the discretion of the senior member.

INFORMAL WALKING OUT DRESS

16. NVOC members are encouraged to wear and display all approved NVOC insignia on their casual walking out dress such as wearing the NVOC lapel pin on their civilian suit left collar, the NVOC embroidered badge on sports clothing, baseball caps or to display the approved NVOC decal on their personal vehicles.

NOTE Members are encouraged to obtain the above orders of dress but they are not necessary to be a member of NVOC.

NVOC KIT SHOP

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The NVOC KIT SHOP is managed by DROUIN ENTERPRISES on behalf of NVOC sharing revenues from sales. It is located at: <http://www.joedrouin.com> .

ENFORCEMENT

18. Unit presidents, and Regional Directors are responsible for enforcing dress regulations within their organizations. The National Secretary will enforce the regulations within the National Executive.